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Petroleum Intelligence Advisory Group
of the Economic Intelligence Committee
Minutes of meeting held in
Room 6518, New Interior Building
Monday, 15 October 1951 at 1500 hours

Present:

C. L. Burrill, PAD, Chairman
C. Stribling Snodgrass, PAD
Adm. B. B. Biggs, USN, MBPC
Harvey W. Daniels, ECA
Dr. Max F. Millikan, CIA
H. C. Dees, CIA

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CIA, Secretary

Robert H. S. Eakens, State, was invited, but was unable to attend.

Scope and Functions of the Petroleum Intelligence Advisory Group

1. Presentation: In his introductory remarks outlining the need for the petroleum Intelligence Advisory Group, Dr. Millikan presented the following points.

a. The Economic Intelligence Committee (EIC) established by the Director of Central Intelligence with the concurrence of the members of the Intelligence Advisory Committee, has created certain subcommittees in the foreign economic intelligence field. One of these is the Petroleum Subcommittee comprising members from the various governmental intelligence

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agencies. They are primarily research analysts whose efforts are focused largely on the Soviet Bloc.

b. The EIC realizes that there is extensive interest in the non-Soviet foreign areas from the viewpoint of petroleum supply and that certain government organizations outside of the intelligence agencies are actively concerned with those areas. It appears desirable for the EIC to have the advice of a group of experienced individuals on intelligence matters involving the foreign petroleum industry of the non-Soviet world. Therefore, the creation of a Petroleum Intelligence Advisory Group (PIAG) has been authorized by the EIC.

c. It was suggested that a chairman for PIAG be selected and that preparation of terms of reference be directed. If desired the CIA will prepare a draft of terms of reference for consideration by the members of PIAG. The services of [] as Secretary were offered. Because of the advisory nature of the PIAG, the EIC considers it desirable to have the Chairman of PIAG selected from some agency other than the CIA.

2. Discussion: The members present discussed the scope and functions of the PIAG as outlined in the foregoing presentation.

3. Action: C. L. Burrill, PAD, was selected as Chairman of the PIAG.

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Terms of Reference for PIAG

4. Discussion: A brief discussion by the members on terms of reference for PIAG indicated agreement that PIAG should draft same for submission to EIC for approval.

5. Action: The Chairman directed the Secretary to prepare a proposed draft of terms of reference for PIAG for consideration by its members.


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Petroleum Intelligence Advisory Group
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